

MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Date: January 11, 2006

Time: 1:00 p.m., CST

Location: Cumberland Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
425 Fifth Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37247

Members Present: Linda Lahr, MT, Board Chairperson
Martha Duncan, MT, Committee Chairperson
John Neff, MD
Yvonne Davis, MT
Alison McDonald-Spakes, Cytotechnologist

Members Absent: Kelly S. Terry, MT
Thomasa Cooper, MT
Norman Crowe, Independent Lab Management/Admin Representative

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, MT, Consultant II, Director
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator
Robert Kraemer, Advisory Attorney

Presiding Officer: Martha Duncan, Committee Chairperson

Minutes: Minutes from the personnel and education committee were presented at the full Medical Laboratory Board meeting for approval.

Proceedings and Action Taken:

1. With a quorum present, Ms. Duncan called the meeting to order at 1: 10 p.m.

2. Review Correspondence

A. Ms. Thacker informed the committee that she had received a question from a lab manager asking what category of personnel is allowed to perform PCR testing. She has a potential employee who is licensed in Tennessee as a Medical Laboratory Technologist – Microbiology and she would like to hire this individual to perform PCR testing. After discussion by the committee members and Mr. Kraemer, it was decided that PCR is now performed in many labs and that they thought this individual could perform PCR testing. Ms. Lahr made a motion to say that this individual could perform PCR testing, with a second to the motion by Dr. Neff. The motion carried.

B. Ms. Thacker informed the committee that she had received an e-mail from a laboratory compliance officer asking if a Medical Laboratory Technologist – Microbiology could perform the fetal fibrinectin test, even though the CPT Code 82731 is listed under chemistry. She explained that this is a swab test, which would normally be performed in their microbiology laboratory and that their laboratory is currently sending this test to another lab to be performed. Dr. Neff indicated that his laboratory performs this test on a large analyzer. Ms. Duncan asked if this test is being performed in other laboratory departments other than chemistry and Ms. England added that the committee may need to look further at testing that can be performed by categorical medical technologists. Following the discussion,

Dr. Neff made a motion to say that this individual could perform the fetal fibrinectin test with a second to the motion by Ms. Lahr. The motion carried.

C. The committee proceeded to discuss the new continuing education guidelines. The administrative office has received several inquiries regarding the new Rule, including the requirement for retired licenses, conversion of contact hours to clock hours, and the amount of credit given for preparing for a workshop. The committee discussed

these items and advised the administrative office to direct inquiries regarding the new Rule to the Internet, Medical Laboratory Board website. Also, a newsletter will be sent to all active and retired licensees in the Spring of this year. One concern regarding the new Rule refers to the requirement of the license number to be on the certificate, but discussion on that matter will possibly come at a later date if other changes have to be made. Ms. Faye Abdulla, from the State Laboratory in Nashville asked if a categorical medical technologist has to obtain continuing education in only the category they are licensed and the committee said that continuing education can be in varied subjects, not just their licensure category. Ms. Abdulla also suggested that the Rule explain more clearly how to document preparation for a workshop. Ms. Abdulla's last comment was that the professional organization, the Southern Association for Clinical Microbiology, SACM, is a PACE accredited organization for continuing education and it was not on the list of approved organizations. She also noted that the organization has not been active in recent years, but this new Rule will be a catalyst for reactivation. Ms. Abdulla is to have the chairperson

of

SACM submit a letter requesting to be listed as an approved avenue for continuing education. Mr. Kraemer added that he will ask the Full Board about adding this organization to the list.

D. Mr. W. David Whybrew, Assistant Chemical Terrorism Coordinator at the Tennessee Department of Health, Laboratory Services in Nashville, TN appeared before the Committee to ask the members about the licensure of personnel working in a Level II Chemical Terrorism laboratory, which will be housed within the State Lab on Hart Lane in Nashville, TN. Mr. Whybrew noted that this will be the only lab in Tennessee with this designation and that there are only thirty-nine laboratories with this distinction in the United States. The personnel working in this lab will be testing human specimens for heavy metals, cyanide, and other chemical bioterrorism substances in the event of a chemical bioterrorism act. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requests that the personnel performing testing have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree and preferably a Master of Science or Ph.D. This laboratory will work in conjunction with the CDC and other bioterrorism-trained agencies. Ms. England asked

if this laboratory would be covered under the umbrella of the State Lab license or would they need a separate license. Mr. Kraemer indicated that they would not need a separate license and that the Director of the State Laboratory would also be the Director over the Chemical Terrorism Laboratory. There will be further discussion regarding this issue in Mr. Kosten's section pertaining to the Medical Laboratory Rules and Rule changes at the full

Board meeting tomorrow, January 12, 2006.

E. Ms. Thacker informed the committee that Volunteer State Community College has asked for approval of the following clinical rotation site for its medical laboratory technician students:

Cookeville Regional Medical Center
142 W. Fifth St.
Cookeville, TN 38501

Dr. Neff made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Lahr seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. A. Review files for eligibility.

1. Hilda V. Barnum – Knoxville, TN – Medical Laboratory Technologist - General

Ms. Thacker informed the committee that Ms. Barnum was educated and clinically trained in the Philippines. She

also possesses national certification as a medical technologist obtained by examination through the American

Medical Technologists (AMT) national certifying agency. After discussion, Dr. Neff motioned to approve this request for licensure. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. Gwendolyn D. Arterbridge – Dyersburg, TN – Medical Laboratory Technologist – General – Reinstatement, License #12454. Ms. Arterbridge and Ms. Sara Pankall, Ms. Arterbridge's character witness, were present at the Committee meeting. Ms. Arterbridge summarized her request for reinstatement of her license indicating a felony conviction on her reinstatement application that occurred in May of 2003. Court documents were supplied by the County Court Clerk's office and verification of her work experience outside of Tennessee was submitted by her supervisor at the facility where she was assigned. Ms. Arterbridge is currently working for a temporary agency, which is documented in her file. She is seeking reinstatement of her license to allow her to work in Tennessee in the event a job became available. Following Ms. Arterbridge's explanation, Ms. Pankall's character testimony, and questioning from both the Committee and Mr. Kraemer, Dr. Neff made a motion to approve this request for reinstatement. Ms. Lahr seconded the motion. The motion carried.
3. Regina Rigney – Murfreesboro, TN – Medical Laboratory Technician – General – Reinstatement, License #18985. Ms. Rigney and Mr. Shawn Dalton, Ms. Rigney's Case Manager, were present at the Committee meeting. Ms. Rigney summarized her request for reinstatement of her license indicating a felony conviction on her reinstatement application that occurred in June of 2005. Court documents were supplied by the County Court Clerk's office. Per Mr. Kraemer's advice, Ms. Thacker referred Ms. Rigney to the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program prior to the Committee meeting. Ms. Rigney is currently in a monitoring program; however, TNPAP recommended that Ms. Rigney enter the TNPAP program. Ms. Rigney signed a monitoring agreement with TNPAP on January 11, 2006 prior to attending the Committee meeting. Following questioning by the Committee, Ms. McDonald-Spakes made a motion to approve this reinstatement. Ms. Lahr seconded the motion. The motion carried.
4. Imad Brimo – Memphis – Medical Laboratory Technologist – General
Ms. Thacker informed the Committee that Mr. Brimo was educated and clinically trained in Syria. He has also been approved to take the American Medical Technologists (AMT) medical laboratory technologist exam. All required documentation has been received for Mr. Brimo to take the AMT exam. Following discussion by the Committee, Ms. Lahr made a motion to approve a temporary license for Mr. Brimo, and, upon receipt of his passing exam score submitted by AMT, to upgrade his temporary license to full licensure. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Receive reports and/or requests from the technologist consultant.

There were no reports and/or requests at this time.

4. Review and ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

After review, Dr. Neff motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from October 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, with a second to the motion by Ms. McDonald-Spakes. The motion carried.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

After review, Ms. Lahr motioned to ratify the reinstatements from October 1, 2005 – December 31, 2005, with a second to the motion by Ms. Davis. The motion carried.

C. Closed Files (Attachment 3)

After review, Ms. McDonald-Spakes motioned to ratify the closed files from October 31, 2005 – December 31, 2005, with a second to the motion by Dr. Neff. The motion carried.

5. Administrative Revocation/Insufficient Funds

There were no administrative revocations for insufficient funds at this time.

6. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

Mr. Kosten will make his report to the Full Medical Laboratory Board quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on April 12, 2006 at 1p.m., CDT in the Cumberland Room, Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building, 425 Fifth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37247-1010.

Record of Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. on a motion properly presented by Ms. Lahr and seconded by Ms. Davis. The motion carried.

Signature: _____
Martha Duncan, MT
Chairperson

Date: _____

**ATTACHMENT 1
NEW LICENSES
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2005**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
21634	Barton	Kimberly L.	Cordova, TN	Technologist - General
21608	Bennett	Thomas A.	Nashville, TN	Technician - General
21539	Biernacki	Anita E.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
19658	Blalock	Patty L.	Cleveland, TN	Technologist - General
21635	Boling	Dawnelle R.	Jonesboro, AR	Technologist - General
21618	Brown	Christina E. Brown	Clarksville, TN	Technician - General
21611	Burch	Julianne Weaver	Cordova, TN	Technologist - General
21626	Callaway	Catherine E.	Wildwood, GA	Technologist - General
21629	Capps	Linda R.	Copperhill, TN	Technician - General
21451	Cody	Heather N.	Kingsport, TN	Technician - General
21655	Connor	Andrew W. Connor	Opalocka, FL	Technologist - General
21494	Curtis	Silissa T. Curtis	Doyle, TN	Technician - General
20488	Dean	Susan Sutton	Harrogate, TN	Technologist - General
21480	Dell	Rebecca L.	Crossville, TN	Technician - General
21596	Earls	Holly E.	Sparta, TN	Technician - General
21590	Erickson	Patricia M.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
20004	Gambrel	Thomas C.	Johnson City, TN	Supervisor - General
21591	Geddes	Susan E.	Oregon, OH	Technologist - General
21598	Gibson	Candace S.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Molecular Diagnostics
20784	Gilpin	Diana L.	Mt. Juliet, TN	Supervisor - General
14746	Guill	Lecia Aaron	Cleveland, TN	Supervisor - General
20337	Gutierrez	Betty J.	Springville, TN	Technologist - General
21612	Hale	Cynthia R.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
19558	Harper	Trent A.	Horn Lake, MS	Supervisor - General
21545	Henning	Veronica M.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytotechnologist
21637	Jack	Marisa E.	Clarksville, TN	Technologist - General
21645	Jackson	Jerry W.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21603	James	Phyllis I.	Moundsville, WV	Technician - General
6353	Jones	Shirley D.	Milan, TN	Supervisor - General
21413	Kolar	Lara N.	Lenoir City, TN	Technologist - General
21643	Law	Anita J.	Zachary, LA	Technologist - General
21666	Lee	Crystal A.	Baxter, TN	Technician - General
21628	Mawawa	Kanyimbu V.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
21639	McCray	Sabrina N. McCray	Millington, TN	Technologist - General
21661	McElyea	Glenn A.	The Plains, VA	Technologist - General
20088	Miller	Cynthia D.	Morrison, TN	Technologist - General
21630	Miller	Jennifer W.	College Grove, TN	S.A. - Andrology

21428	Millrany	Donal L.	Cookeville, TN	Technician - General
21542	Morgan	Melissa R.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21625	Newton	Lanie L.	Brentwood, TN	Technologist - General
21631	Pinon	Teresita	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
21079	Rengifo	Claudia P. Murillo	Kingsport, TN	Supervisor - General
21623	Richardson	Maria F.	Spring Hill, TN	Technologist - General
21636	Rowley	Ewellonda R.	Lenoir City, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21540	Sanford	Terence A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21606	Sharma	Rashmi M.	Memphis, TN	S.A. - Cytogenetics
21615	Tigner	Wendy M.	Iuka, MS	Technician - General
20177	Walters	Lora L.	Reagan, TN	Technologist - General
21602	Ward	Sandra J.	Hendersonville, TN	Technologist - General
21664	Whitehurst	Teri D.	Murfreesboro, TN	Technician - General
20030	Wiggins	Anita J.	Franklin, TN	Supervisor - General
21613	Wood	Adrienne N.	Huntingdon, TN	Technologist - General
21617	Yeary	Amanda L.	Tazewell, TN	Technician - General
21640	York	Johnny Lee	Cordova, TN	Technician - General
21627	Yost	Melissa	Abingdon, VA	Technician - General

NEW
TOTAL LICENSES 4TH QTR. 2005: 55

TEMPORARY LICENSES

21619	Talusan	Regina Ruth R.	Jackson, TN	Technologist - General
21620	Ahmed	Ashfaq	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
21624	Hale	Izetta L.	Dayton, TN	Technician - General
21621	Phillips	Tracie N.	Sparta, TN	Technician - General
21651	Greene	Michael A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21642	Brown	Natalie P.	Oak Ridge, TN	Technologist - General
21641	Farrell	Sara K.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
21638	Foust	Amelia G.	Oak Ridge, TN	Technologist - General
21648	Adcox	Annita D.	Strawberry Plains, TN	Technologist - General
21616	Smartt	Christy R.	Manchester, TN	Technician - General
21654	Stewart	Toccora P.	Arlington, TN	Technician - General
21656	Walker	Amy N.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
21599	George	Shawnte' George	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist - General
21647	Terry	Frances V.	McMinnville, TN	Technician - General
21670	Poff	Elizabeth A.	Kingsport, TN	Technician - General

TOTAL TEMPORARY LICENSES 4TH QTR. 2005: 15

**ATTACHMENT 2
REINSTATEMENTS
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2005**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
4689	Anthony	Treddye M.	Memphis, TN	Technologist - General
8603	Atkinson	Judith E.	Nashville, TN	Technologist - General
*6170	Campbell	Cheryl F.	Powell, TN	Technologist - General
6550	Dattilo	Lou Ann	Germantown, TN	Technologist - General
19555	Davis	Patty S.	Lafayette, TN	Technician - General
8215	Donoho	Johhie S.	Nashville, TN	Supervisor - General
9151	Duval	Jill B.	Jackson, TN	Technologist - General
*6556	Evans	Linda G.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor - General
7990	Garey	Christina L.	Horn Lake, MS	Technologist - General
20277	Goins, Jr.	James A.	Jasper, TN	Technician - General
21050	Harris	Trudy M.	Brownsville, TN	Technician - General
6897	Hembree	Karen M.	Clinton, TN	Supervisor - General
10165	Hillis	Latesha Michelle	McMinnville, TN	Technician - General
5375	Homa	Linda R.	Athens, TN	Supervisor - General
14549	Horton-Jenkins	Sharon A.	Hermitage, TN	Director - Micro
10710	Kranz	Philip A.	Hopkinsville, KY	Technologist - General
6345	Martin	Cheryl L.	Memphis, TN	Technician - General
11301	Miller	Cindy	Dickson, TN	Technician - General
11232	Neil	Sherry R.	Franklin, TN	Technologist - General
*19986	Owens	Bobbie J.	Lawton, OK	Technologist - General
12229	Owens	Rhonda K.	Dickson, TN	Technologist - General
11501	Parker	William J.	McMinnville, TN	Technician - General
6989	Pickle	Sherri I.	Germantown, TN	Technologist - General
10677	Ray	Bryan K.	Ethridge, TN	Technician - General
*7465	Seale	Gayla D.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor - General
6869	Shelton	Patricia B.	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor - General
8541	Turner	Teresa R.	Maryville, TN	Technologist - General
19543	Wasmund	Katherine A.	Knoxville, TN	Technologist - General
12650	Wood	Diana S.	Soddy Daisy, TN	Technician - General

*** REACTIVATED**

VOLUNTARY

RETIRED

TOTAL REINSTATEMENTS 3RD QUARTER 2005: 29

**ATTACHMENT 3
CLOSED FILES
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2005**

File Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
21493	Kent	Joyce J.	Lebanon, TN	Technician - General
21548	Henry	Jacqueline M.	Nashville, TN	Technician - General
21253	Shahied	Shahiedy	Knoxville, TN	Director - Chemistry
19217	Moore	Regina M.	Horn Lake, MS	Technologist - General Upgra
21622	Droho	Janet	Franklin, TN	Technologist - General

TOTAL	CLOSED FILES	4TH QTR. 2005: 5
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